

**Catalyzing Brownfield Redevelopment in Acadiana's Rural Opportunity Zones**

**IV.D.1. Applicant Identification**

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**IV.D.2. Funding Requested**

**IV.D.2.a. Assessment Grant Type**

This is a community-wide assessment grant that will be targeting 13 rural census tracts in the Acadiana Region of Louisiana that have been designated as opportunity zones.

**IV.D.2.b. Federal Funds Requested**

**IV.D.2.b.i. Requested Amount**

The total amount requested under this community-wide assessment grant application is \$300,000.

**IV.D.2.b.ii. Federal Funds Requested Waiver**

Not Applicable

**IV.D.2.c. Contamination**

The amount of funding being requested will be broken down to \$200,000 hazardous substances and \$100,000 petroleum.

**IV.D.3. Location**

Targeted census tracts in the Abbeville (Vermilion Parish), Breaux Bridge (Saint Martin Parish), Church Point (Acadia Parish), Eunice (Saint Landry Parish), New Iberia (Iberia Parish), Opelousas (Saint Landry Parish), and Ville Platte (Evangeline Parish) jurisdictions will be served under this grant. All are located within the state of Louisiana and within the legislatively defined service area of the Acadiana Planning Commission. Note: Parishes are the Louisiana equivalent of counties.

**IV.D.4. Property Information For Site-specific Applications**

Does Not Apply.

**IV.D.5. Contacts**

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#### IV.D.6. Population

The following communities contain Opportunity Zones that are the target areas for this grant. Communities highlighted in **BOLD** represent communities that according to the American Community Survey had an estimated population less than 10,000 in 2017.

**Table 2: Population and Race of Cities with Target Areas**

<i>City</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>White (%)</i>	<i>Black (%)</i>	<i>Hispanic (%)</i>	<i>Asian (%)</i>
Abbeville <sup>1</sup>	12,350	45.4	45.8	2.3	5.6
Breaux Bridge <sup>2</sup>	8,291	<b>55.4</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Church Point <sup>3</sup>	<b>4,501</b>	<b>73.7</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Eunice <sup>4</sup>	10,305	64.1	34.2	3.4	0.0
New Iberia <sup>5</sup>	30,292	52.5	41.0	3.9	2.4
Opelousas <sup>6</sup>	16,480	20.5	77.0	0.7	1.0
Ville Platte <sup>7</sup>	7,259	<b>37.1</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>

1 <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles/2017/report.php?geotype=place&state=22&place=00100>

2 <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles/2017/report.php?geotype=place&state=22&place=09340>

3 <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles/2017/report.php?geotype=place&state=22&place=15465>

4 <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles/2017/report.php?geotype=place&state=22&place=24565>

5 <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles/2017/report.php?geotype=place&state=22&place=54035>

6 <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles/2017/report.php?geotype=place&state=22&place=58045>

7 <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles/2017/report.php?geotype=place&state=22&place=78715>

#### IV.D.7. Other Factors Checklist

<b>Other Factors</b>	<b>Page #</b>
Community population is 10,000 or less.	2
The applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian tribe or United States territory.	
The priority brownfield site(s) is impacted by mine-scarred land.	
The priority site(s) is adjacent to a body of water (i.e., the border of the priority site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water, or would be contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them).	2
The priority site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain.	
The reuse of the priority site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy; or will incorporate energy efficiency measures.	
30% or more of the overall project budget will be spent on eligible reuse planning activities for priority brownfield site(s) within the target area.	8

#### IV.D.8. Letter from the State or Tribal Environmental Authority

JOHN BEL EDWARDS  
GOVERNOR



CHUCK CARR BROWN, PH.D.  
SECRETARY

**State of Louisiana**  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

November 26, 2019

Acadiana Planning Commission  
Attn: Monique Boulet, CEO  
P. O. Box 3705  
Lafayette, LA, 70502

RE: Acadiana Planning Commission FY20 Community-Wide Brownfield Assessment  
Grant Application

Dear Ms. Boulet:

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) supports the Acadiana Planning Commission (APC) in its application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a Community-Wide Brownfields Assessment Grant to address sites with hazardous and petroleum contamination in rural Opportunity Zones in your region under the federal Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act and the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development (BUILD) Act. DEQ recognizes the Acadiana Planning Commission will be conducting assessment activities in its jurisdiction.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you to facilitate the reuse of vacant and underutilized properties in the Acadiana Region and build on the current momentum of your successful Brownfield Program. Our staff will be happy to lend appropriate technical assistance and support to APC and, as funding is available, to assist with Phase II environmental site assessments through our Targeted Brownfield Assessment Program.

We look forward to working with you in the future. Please contact me at (504) 736-7069 / [Rebecca.Otte@LA.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Otte@LA.gov) if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Otte".

Rebecca Otte, Brownfields Coordinator  
Remediation Division

cc: Imaging Operations - IAS AI 178641

# **Catalyzing Brownfield Redevelopment in Acadiana's Rural Opportunity Zones**

## **Project Narrative**

### **IV.E.1. Project Area Description and Plans for Revitalization**

#### **IV.E.1.a.i. Background and Description of Target Area**

Acadiana is known for its Festivals, Fais Do-Dos, food, and Grammy-winning Cajun and Zydeco music. This culture is rooted in the heart of Acadiana's rural communities. While our communities differ in character, they share a common cultural bond and face similar problems. Located along the Gulf of Mexico and known as the center of Cajun and Creole culture, the Acadiana region of south Louisiana includes the parishes (counties) of Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, St. Landry, St. Martin, and Vermilion. Because of its proximity to the Gulf, the region became home to companies that supported offshore oil and gas exploration. However, since the 1980s and the most recent oil bust, many of Acadiana's Low and Moderate Income (LMI) census tracts have been buffeted by declining population, increasing crime, increasing blight and abandonment, and persisting poverty. Revitalization of these areas is complicated by numerous brownfield sites that are a legacy of the region's oil and gas economy. Numerous brownfield sites, stagnant local economic conditions, and rural disinvestment threaten this vivid culture and are barriers to economic mobility.

Acadiana is part of the South Louisiana Chemical Manufacturing Corridor as designated by the Investing in Manufacturing Community Partnership (IMCP). The high international demand for petrochemical and energy-related projects created a network of key technology and supply chains deployed for building, operating and servicing these facilities. However, due to the cyclical nature of the Oil and Gas Economy, many of these sites have been left abandoned and represent a vast inventory of potential brownfield sites that remain uncatalogued. Acadiana continues to struggle due to a severe economic downturn from decreased offshore oil and gas exploration that resulted in a loss of more than 21,000 jobs over the past four years and due to a prolonged recovery after the 2016 floods.

To address this regional disinvestment, 13 threatened LMI census tracts throughout rural Acadiana's downtowns and main streets were designated as Opportunity Zones (OZ's). These 13 OZ's are the target of this grant application and include census tracts in the Abbeville (9507), Breaux Bridge (205.01), Church Point (9601), Eunice (9611), New Iberia (305, 309, 310, & 311), Opelousas (9613, 9614, & 9616), and Ville Platte (9505 & 9506) Communities. These 13 census tracts are among the poorest in the region. All these communities lack the capacity and resources to address brownfields within their communities' or administer brownfield programs on their own.

This application seeks to address potential brownfield sites that are located within the centers of these rural towns and cities, are inhibiting downtown revitalization efforts, and pose long-term health risks to at-risk populations. Like many other downtown of small communities throughout the US, their landscapes are dotted with a high concentration of abandoned gas stations, industrial sites, and buildings that were built prior to 1970 and therefore pose a potential risk for chronic exposure to low levels of hazardous substances. Each census tract, by definition, that has been designated as an opportunity zone and is targeted by this application has a poverty rate in the 2010 census that is in excess of 20% and a median household that is less than 80% of the average median income. (See Table 1) All of these areas have experienced significant disinvestment and the local city/town lacks both the capacity and resources to tackle the challenges of administering a brownfield program on their own.

#### **IV.E.1.a.ii. Description of the Priority Brownfield Site(s)**

Working with our communities that have OZ's, we have identified two high-priority brownfields sites that have the potential to catalyze future redevelopment. By developing an inventory of potential Brownfield sites and by conducting a series of community meetings, grant funds will also be used to identify other potential high-priority sites that have catalytic redevelopment potential in another OZ's.

##### **Priority Site 1: Breaux Bridge Abandoned Rail Corridor**

Located approximately midway between Houston and New Orleans, Breaux Bridge is known as the Crawfish Capital of the World and continues to be a center for cane sugar production in the region. It was founded along the Bayou Teche near the site of a major fording point and historic bridge (Pont Breaux). With

the introduction of the railroad in the late 1880s, to serve the sugar industry, the city became a center for the transportation of agricultural produce to market. Breaux Bridge's population is 8,139 as of the 2010 census, up from 7,281 in 2000.

The Breaux Bridge Sugar Cooperative, which was located at the corner of Rees St and Refinery St along Bayou Teche closed when its operations were merged with the St Martin Sugar Cooperative in 1993 to form the Louisiana Sugarcane Cooperative, also known as LaSuCa. At about the same time that the Breaux Bridge Sugar Cooperative closed, the Union Pacific Railroad closed the rail spur to Breaux Bridge, removed the tracks and cross ties and the remaining support infrastructure. At that time, however, the railroad did not do any additional environmental remediation and the site of the former rail corridor remains a vacant scar through the center of Breaux Bridge. Potential contaminants include creosote from the cross ties as well as cross contamination from adjacent industrial sites and historic spills from the rail line itself.

The abandoned rail corridor represents a hard barrier between the more affluent parts of Breaux bridge and the impoverished census tract in which the abandoned line is situated. Additionally, the property presents a chronic exposure pathway to potential carcinogens that were used to treat the cross ties in order to prevent rot and insect damage. As such the abandoned rail line presents a long-term health threat to a predominately poor and minority community. Additionally, redevelopment of the rail property would serve to reconnect the poor and more affluent parts of Breaux Bridge. This site is located approximately two blocks from the Bayou Teche, which has been nationally designated as a scenic waterway and where runoff from the site poses a potential health risk that limits the recreational potential of the waterway.

In December of 2018, APC partnered with EPA partner Kansas State University's Technical assistance to Brownfields program (KSU TAB) to conduct a community visioning meeting for the old rail corridor. The consensus from the community was to create a walking park with potential programming that included a weekly farmers' and artisans. Assessments would be the first step in realizing the community vision for this potential brownfield site.

#### Priority Site 2: Opelousas New Life Center - 403 to 411 East Landry Street Opelousas, LA

Known as the center of Zydeco music and settled in the 1780's, Opelousas was historically an area of settlement by French Creoles, Creoles of color, and Acadians. Opelousas briefly served as the state capital of Louisiana during the Civil War. The city calls itself "the spice capital of the world", with production and sale of seasonings such as Tony Chachere's products, Targil Seasonings, Savoie's Cajun meats and products, and LouAna Cooking Oil. The primary industries in Opelousas are agriculture, oil, manufacturing, wholesale, and retail. Opelousas is a center for the horse racing and breeding industry in Louisiana and the horse racing track Evangeline Downs relocated to Opelousas from its former home in Carencro, Louisiana, in 2003. It employs over 600 workers. Like many small towns in Louisiana, Opelousas has been experiencing major outmigration. Between the 2000 and 2010 censuses, Opelousas' population has decreased by more than 27% from 22,860 in the 2000 census to 16,634 in the 2010 census. Since the 201 census the American Community survey further estimates that the population has declined by an additional 3% to 16,126.

Located in downtown Opelousas the four-story New Life Center was built in 1958 and served as a hotel through the 1980's when it was purchased by the Catholic Church and converted to a shelter for battered women and their children. Due to its age and period of construction, there is a high probability that the building contains hazardous substance such as lead-based paint and asbestos. Due to Louisiana's wet climate mold contamination also a potential concern. The church donated the property to the City of Opelousas in 2018. It and more than half of the storefronts in downtown Opelousas are currently vacant. Of the vacant structures in downtown Opelousas, the New Life Center has the greatest potential for redevelopment. It is the tallest building in the historic downtown area and is located along US HWY 190, a short distance from its intersection with Interstate 49. Redevelopment of the property is of high priority to the City of Opelousas and, if redeveloped as a mixed-use facility, would serve to attract new residents to downtown Opelousas who could support the attraction of new businesses.

In August of 2019, APC on behalf of the City of Opelousas requested a Phase I Targeted Brownfield assessment for the New Life Center potential brownfield site. A Phase I ESA was completed in September of 2019. In October of 2019 APC partnered with the City of Opelousas, St. Landry Economic Development, and

KSU TAB to conduct a series of stakeholder roundtables and an open community meeting to determine the community's vision for the site. The community visioning session established a consensus for the redevelopment of the site as a mixed residential/commercial development that would bring new residents into Opelousas' downtown. The City of Opelousas, who currently owns the property, plans to issue a Request for Proposals for the redevelopment of the property through a potential public/private partnership. LaDEQ, pending availability of fund, has pledged to conduct a Phase II targeted brownfield assessment of the property once a developer has been identified. Grant funds would be used for additional reuse planning.

#### **IV.E.1.b. Revitalization of the Target Area**

##### **IV.E.1.b.i. Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans**

This application is designed to integrate with APCs Regional Opportunity Zone Strategy by specifically targeting brownfield assessment funding to the rural census tracts that have been designated as opportunity zones. APC was instrumental in identifying and recommending 13 rural census tracts to be designated as opportunity zones within its 7-parish service area.

In making recommendations for the designation of Acadiana's Opportunity Zones, key guiding principals were followed. Census tracts recommended for designation were targeted to benefit a range of stakeholders that were not limited to private investors, but also current residents of low-income communities, community development organizations, community service organizations, and social enterprises. APC selectively chose census tracts that had a concentration of potential brownfield sites and could benefit from brownfield assessment resources. Additionally, they were selected for their potential to work in combination with and were eligible for other redevelopment resources such as the Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, historic preservation tax credits, and New Market Tax Credits. APC's selection process considered the capacity of neighborhoods to absorb private capital and existing infrastructure needed to enable investments in businesses and real estate. By pairing brownfield assessment resources from this grant, APC seeks to complement and leverage existing and prospective economic activities in designated Opportunity Zones.

These existing and prospective economic development activities have been embodied within the Acadiana's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Acadiana's elected leaders, economic developers, healthcare administrators, public works directors, government administrators and business leaders began development of the CEDS in March of 2016. These leaders comprised the Acadiana CEDS Strategic Committee. For preparation, a region-wide pre-SWOT survey directing the strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats to be discussed was disseminated and answered by the committee. On June 30, 2016, Dr. Geoffrey Stewart, The Moody Company/BORSF Endowed Chair in Regional Business Development for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and Dr. Michael Dunaway, the Director of the National Incident Management Systems & Advanced Technologies, led an engaged group of economic and government leaders. The CEDS Strategic Committee established two fundamental and critical components in this process: Collaboration and Resiliency. Both have been strategically emphasized in the formation of the goals and objectives outlined in the CEDS. Community planning and capacity building, downtown revitalization, and livability values are at the heart of the CEDS. Building our governments capacities and processes in cities and towns across the region is vital to successful economic development. Building in livability values for our downtowns and surrounding areas are at the heart of the opportunity zone strategy for the region.

Addressing potential brownfield sites within these areas is critical to their revitalization. Promoting the development of vibrant, healthy, and resilient communities and improving living standards are essential for the regions long-term resiliency.

##### **IV.E.1.b.ii. Outcomes and Benefits of Reuse Strategy**

Upon completion of the cleanup of the New Life Center Property in Opelousas, the proposed project in one of the OZ's in downtown Opelousas, LA has the potential to stimulate economic development in one of the region's targeted areas by attracting new residents back to the downtown area of Opelousas. These new residents have the potential to attract new businesses back to Opelousas' downtown who would be attracted to serve their needs for goods and services. The community visioning session established a consensus for the redevelopment of the site as a mixed residential/commercial development that highlighted this potential. The proposed redevelopment of the property will serve as a potential catalyst project to spur future

redevelopment in Opelousas downtown OZ's by increasing property values and serving as a comparable for real-estate valuation of future redevelopment. The project will further leverage the Opelousas downtown development districts redevelopment plans that currently being developed and will leverage the area's designation as a state cultural district which provides access to state historic preservation tax credits and access to the state rehabilitation tax abatement program.

The cleanup of the abandoned rail corridor has the potential to facilitate the creation of a community greenway that would add value to the poorest section of Breaux Bridge and serve to reconnect the two halves of Breaux Bridge. The consensus from the community for the abandoned rail corridor was to create a walking park with potential programming that included a weekly farmers and artisans. Assessments would be the first step in realizing the community vision for this potential brownfield site. Additionally, the community could potentially tap into the state of Louisiana's recreational trails program to develop out plans for the walking park. Revitalization of the Breaux Bridges Abandoned rail corridor would support redevelopment efforts in their opportunity zone by increasing surrounding property values within the opportunity zone, improving quality of life, and increasing recreational opportunities. The property would also support future development of the community's outdoor recreational opportunities by potentially connecting the property to the Bayou Teche, a national scenic water way. It would leverage the paddle trail that is being developed as part of the TECHE project.

Grant funding will assist with the identification of other potential brownfield redevelopment of catalyst sites in the other opportunity zones covered by the target area of this grant to encourage economic redevelopment along each communities' main street. APC anticipates working with these communities to develop a brownfield inventory along the critical commercial corridor (usually main street) in each opportunity zone community and within each opportunity zone. APC will then assist each community with reuse planning through a comprehensive community engagement process that parallels the community engagement that APC is conducting as part of Opportunity Zone initiative.

#### **IV.E.1.c. Strategy for Leveraging Resources**

##### **IV.E.1.c.i. Resources Needed for Site Reuse**

For many potential redevelopment projects in Acadiana's Opportunity Zones, the potential for environmental contamination and its associated costs block the redevelopment of a site. Many of the communities in Opportunity Zones have properties impacted by environmental contamination. The Opportunity Zones program provides an economic tool to attract developers and financial backing to communities with brownfield redevelopment needs. APC is currently a coalition partner in the South Louisiana Brownfield Revolving loan fund which may provide low-interest subordinate loans to pay for the cleanup of environmentally contaminated sites within our region. APC is also anticipates using additional resources through the Targeted Brownfield Assessment program when funds are available from Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LaDEQ) to conduct Phase II ESA's. Additional redevelopment costs in each of these OZ's that form the target area of the grant may be offset for qualified structures that are located with state cultural districts and can tap into the state historic preservation tax credit program. The state historic tax credit program provides a 20% credit towards qualified costs in the form a tax credit which may be sold on the open market to generate capital for a potential redevelopment project. Additionally, redevelopment projects that are in an opportunity zone are eligible through the Louisiana rehabilitation Tax Abatement program for a waiver of the increase in property taxes that would be triggered by the redevelopment of the property. As part of the redevelopment of priority sites as well as catalyst brownfield sites that are identified under this grant, APC anticipates facilitating the implementation of these programs by working closely with potential developers of these sites.

In August of 2019, APC was awarded a grant from the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) to provide technical assistance for opportunity zone planning to the same communities that are covered by this grant application. As part of the DRA grant, APC is conducting a series of community meetings in each OZ community to explain the OZ tax incentive and how it can be leveraged with brownfield redevelopment resources, develop an asset map for each community, and develop an OZ prospectus for each community. APC anticipates incorporating the potential projects and brownfield sites that are in the opportunity zones covered by

the target area of this grant in these prospectuses and on the InvestAcadiana.com website. Both prospectuses and the website will be used as tools to market these brownfield sites and potential projects to OZ investors, developers, businesses, and funds.

#### **IV.E.1.c.ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure**

Infill redevelopment within our downtowns is of interest to our communities. Local officials are realizing the substantial infrastructure costs and that hidden subsidies to greenfield development are not sustainable. According to the EPA (EPA Brownfield Benefits Postcard October 2012), brownfield redevelopment rather than greenfield development results in a 32 to 57 percent reduction in vehicle miles traveled and a corresponding reduction in air pollution emissions. This benefit coupled with improved walkability in the downtown area has a direct positive impact on a community that lacks access to both private and public transportation to get to work. Convincing local developers to commit to infill and denser development has been a challenge; however, our OZ communities that are the target of this grant are ideally situated to capitalize on these resources to build a stronger, more resilient community. Opportunity Zones within the Acadiana Region were specifically selected for their ability to tap into and utilize existing infrastructure such as: Roads, sidewalks, water, sewage, electric, and drainage.

#### **IV.E.2. Community Need and Community Engagement**

##### **IV.E.2.a.i. The Community's Need for Funding**

The rural communities of the Acadiana Region face a set of challenges which are generally related to geographic isolation such as a lack of transportation accessibility, economic and financial disparities due to lower incomes, and fewer employment opportunities than urban areas, resulting in a prevalence of poverty. The average median household income of the thirteen designated opportunity zones in the Acadiana Region combined as of the release of the 2017 Census Bureau data is \$25,023, which is \$36,400 less than the national average of \$61,423. The average poverty rate is 35.3% as compared to the national average of 12.3%. These opportunity zones have low property values with a minimal tax base and small populations that result in low levels of resources and support. The median property value ranges from \$49,600 to \$115,200 with an average of \$84,662 while the Louisiana Homestead Exemption exempts property tax payments on the first \$75,000, leaving a significantly low property tax base. In addition to poor economic conditions and a general lack of resources, the rural opportunity zones are affected by natural disasters such as the 2016 Louisiana floods, Hurricane Harvey in 2017, and Hurricane Barry in 2019. Due to the lack of resources, low incomes, minimal tax bases, shortage of staff and personnel, and the frequency of natural disasters, the Acadiana region's opportunity zone tracts and the communities that inhabit them need funding for the environmental assessment and remediation of their brownfield sites.

#### **Economic Distress of Targeted Communities (American Community Survey 2013-2017)**

<b>Town</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Census Tract</b>	<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>Poverty Rate</b>	<b>Median Home Value</b>	<b>Population</b>
Church Point	Acadia	9601	\$36,791	31.3%	\$84,900	6,187
Ville Platte	Evangeline	9505	\$20,702	39.5%	\$108,700	3,463
Ville Platte	Evangeline	9506	\$16,513	39.1%	\$75,200	3,478
New Iberia	Iberia	305	\$48,846	12.6%	\$100,400	4,641
New Iberia	Iberia	309	\$25,948	37.7%	\$49,600	3,115
New Iberia	Iberia	310	\$24,073	33.8%	\$73,800	3,321
New Iberia	Iberia	311	\$33,980	25.8%	\$115,200	4,891
Eunice	St. Landry	9611	\$27,413	30.1%	\$95,800	3,339
Opelousas	St. Landry	9613	\$16,213	57.0%	\$64,000	4,251
Opelousas	St. Landry	9614	\$20,581	34.4%	\$87,500	4,312
Opelousas	St. Landry	9616	\$17,368	57.7%	\$76,500	4,316
Breaux Bridge	St. Martin	205.01	\$30,227	31.9%	\$71,600	4,945
Abbeville	Vermilion	9507	\$43,438	27.5%	\$97,400	3,563

#### IV.E.2.a.ii. Threats to Sensitive Populations

The rural communities of the Acadiana Region exemplify typical conditions of a statewide level of environmental and public health threats with adverse conditions. For examples, Louisiana has 5th highest infant mortality rate in US. Conditions originating in the perinatal period are closely related to maternal health before conception. Nearly half of infant deaths are due to these conditions which include low birth weight and prematurity. Louisiana has the 2nd highest rate of Post-neonatal mortality in the US Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths is considered largely preventable by reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors. Some of these risk factors, including low birth weight or preterm infants and maternal smoking, trace back to maternal health. Louisiana has the 4th highest child mortality rate in the US. Half (51%) of childhood deaths are due to a medical cause. The most common medical causes are diseases of the nervous system, diseases of the respiratory system, and deaths related to congenital abnormalities. Many of the adverse health effects can be attributed to exposure to hazardous materials. The number of reported ever-employed adults with current asthma which was caused or worsened by work-related exposure is 161,921. Acadiana Planning Commission will prioritize the assessment of the brownfields within the 13 opportunity zone tracts that contribute to direct impacts on residents and community members who are already experiencing cumulative public health threats or where there is greater than normal incidence of adverse health conditions.

#### Sensitive Populations in Targeted Communities

Town	Parish	Census Tract	Poverty Rate	Population	Women	Under 18
Church Point	Acadia	9601	31.3%	6,187	3,270(52.9%)	21.9%
Ville Platte	Evangeline	9505	39.5%	3,463	1,932 (55.8%)	28.3%
Ville Platte	Evangeline	9506	39.1%	3,478	1,817 (52.2%)	24.6%
New Iberia	Iberia	305	12.6%	4,641	2,611(56.3%)	26.5%
New Iberia	Iberia	309	37.7%	3,115	1,646 (52.8%)	27.1%
New Iberia	Iberia	310	33.8%	3,321	1,665 (50.1%)	29.1%
New Iberia	Iberia	311	25.8%	4,891	2,538 (51.9%)	27.0%
Eunice	St. Landry	9611	30.1%	3,339	1,892 (56.7%)	26.0%
Opelousas	St. Landry	9613	57.0%	4,251	2,443 (57.5%)	35.4%
Opelousas	St. Landry	9614	34.4%	4,312	2,259 (52.4%)	25.6%
Opelousas	St. Landry	9616	57.7%	4,316	2,346 (54.4%)	33.4%
Breaux Bridge	St. Martin	205.01	31.9%	4,945	2,600 (52.6%)	24.8%
Abbeville	Vermilion	9507	27.5%	3,563	1,782 (50.0%)	23.4%
All OZ Tracts	-	-	35.3%	4,140	53.51%	27.2%

#### IV.E.2.b. Community Engagement

##### IV.E.2.b.ii. Project Partners and their Roles

Partner Name	Point of Contact (Name, and Phone)	Specific Role in the Project
City of Abbeville	Mark Piazza, Mayor, 337.893.8550	Assist with Community engagement, coordination with planning and zoning
City of Breaux Bridge	Ricky Calais, Mayor, 337.332.6023	Assist with Community engagement, coordination with planning and zoning
City of Opelousas	Julius Alsandor, Mayor, 337.948.2520	Assist with Community engagement, coordination with planning and zoning
Town of Ville Platte	Jennifer Vidrine, Mayor, 337.363.2939	Assist with Community engagement, coordination with planning and zoning
SLED	Bill Rodiere, billr@stlandryed.com	Assist with visioning and engagement of Business Community

VEDA	Ann Falgout, 337.740.0433	Assist with visioning and engagement of Business Community
SMEDA	Jennifer Stelly, 337.280.5108	Assist with visioning and engagement of Business Community
Evangeline Chamber of commerce	Renee Brown, 337.	Assist with visioning and engagement of Business Community
LaDEQ	Rebecca Otte, 504.736.7069	Coordinate Cleanup activities, Provide TBA's when funds are available

#### **IV.E.2.b.iii. Incorporating Community Input**

APC will establish the Acadiana Brownfield Assessment Steering Committee comprised of elected officials that represent each of the Opportunity Zones targeted by this grant, the staff from the Acadiana Planning Commission, and a cross-section of neighborhood residents and business owners who reside or own property within these Opportunity Zones to lead the planning process. The focus of this steering committee will be to coordinate and manage community involvement. While the composition of the steering committee represents one approach to integrating the involvement of various stakeholders, APC also plans to use several other methodologies to reach out and engage the larger community and region. These efforts will include:

- a. Public Meetings of the Steering Committee: All meetings of this steering committee, including an agenda, will be posted in compliance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law. Public Notices of the meetings and their agendas will be published in the journal of record for APC and on APC's website. The meetings will be held at a public building that is ADA accessible and open to members of the general public. Meetings will be staffed by an Acadiana Planning Commission staff member and minutes will be taken. An opportunity for public comment will be available at each meeting and public comment card will be available and collected at the end of each meeting. Meeting minutes will be published on APC's website.
- b. Posting of information on the Acadiana Planning Commissions web site: Information on this initiative will be posted to APC's web site (<http://www.PlanAcadiana.org>). The goal is to create a publicly accessible repository for steering committee materials, related work products and to provide a medium for posting comments, asking questions via email, and keeping interested stakeholders informed. Public comment will be encouraged through both social media and a web-form on APC's website.
- c. APC will organize a series of Community Workshops in each Opportunity Zone which will be hosted by the Steering Committee. This workshop in each community will be the first of several community outreach events scheduled throughout the Brownfield Assessment process. The purpose of this workshop is to allow residents to provide input and visioning for the potential reuse of potential catalyst brownfields sites within the designated Opportunity Zones, identify previously unknown brownfields sites within the targeted community, and promote general education about brownfields. Follow-up meetings will update the public on the progress of projects in their community and present the results of assessments conducted as part of the project. Community meetings and workshops will follow the same public notice procedure as detailed in (a)

#### **IV.E.3. Task Descriptions, Cost Estimates, and Measuring Progress**

##### **IV.E.3.a. Description of Tasks/Activities and Outputs**

APC is applying for \$300,000 in combined petroleum and hazardous assessment funding for this community-wide assessment grant application. APC anticipates the majority (\$200,000) of funds will be used for sites with hazardous substances, while the remainder (\$100,000) will be used for sites with contamination from petroleum-based contamination.

##### **Civic Engagement**

Civic Engagement tasks include holding meetings with local residents, meeting with community advisory boards and commissions, soliciting support and disseminating information.

##### **Site Assessments (Phase I and Phase II)**

Site Assessment tasks include documentation of actions initiated, contractual preparation and oversight, preparation of progress report documents and forms, conducting site-specific public and administrative

meetings, as well as adherence to federal, state and local procurement standards. An employee is expected to be dedicated for the purposes of facilitating site assessments at a total cost of \$10,000 for the project period. APC will contract out Phase I and Phase II surveys to an approved, licensed and bonded consultant. APC anticipates that Phase I assessments (ASTM1527-05 standards) will cost approximately \$5,000 each, and Phase II assessments (ASTM E1903-97 standards) will cost \$25,000 each. All Phase I assessments will include All Appropriate Inquiry 70FR66070 standards. Approximately 15 parcels for Phase I ESAs (15 x \$5,000 = \$75,000) and approximately 1 parcel for Phase II ESAs (1 x \$25,000 = \$25,000) are expected to be completed.

#### **Reuse Planning**

Redevelopment and reuse activities will be conducted throughout the project period with the majority being conducted following the completion of assessment activities. Redevelopment planning includes coordinating with local and state officials, as Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LaDEQ) provides contamination clean up estimates based on Phase II testing and determining the best way to proceed with redeveloping the properties based on the extent of contamination, public input, and desired end-use. Additional informational exchanges with impacted communities, prospective purchasers, developers and lenders will be needed such that everyone involved in the redevelopment of brownfield properties knows what is required and expected. Deliverables for this task will include redevelopment plans containing property maps, estimated contamination clean-up costs, and extent, and desired property end uses. If no contamination is found, then the redevelopment plan is to include property maps and desired property end uses.

#### **Building and Maintaining an inventory of Potential Brownfields**

The Acadiana Planning Commission will utilize the Community Wide Assessment grant funds to build an inventory of potential Brownfields Sites within the target community. A brownfields inventory is greatly needed, as few paper maps and no known digital maps expressly detailed for Lafayette and the target community currently exist. APC will utilize existing, in-house expertise to build and maintain an inventory of brownfields sites for the target community. As part of this inventory, APC will collect all available data from a variety of sources, including the ACRES database, LaDEQ, and any other previous work and will combine these resources with information obtained through the community outreach task and research from other resources such as business inventories and Sanborn maps to build a geodatabase of potential brownfields sites. APC staff, as necessary, will provide updates to the ACRES database from data obtained through this project.

#### **IV.E.3.b. Cost Estimates**

Total Budget by Task		\$15,000	\$60,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$75,000
Task Type		Program Management	Brownfield Site Reuse	Brownfield Inventory	Phase I	Phase II	Community Engagement
Hazardous	\$200,000	\$10,000	\$40,000	\$33,333	\$50,000	\$16,667	\$50,000
Petroleum	\$100,000	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$16,667	\$25,000	\$8,333	\$25,000

Hazardous	\$200,000	\$10,000	\$40,000	\$33,333	\$50,000	\$16,667	\$50,000
Personnel	\$69,000	\$2,300	\$9,200	\$7,667	\$11,500	\$3,833	\$11,500
Fringe	\$44,000	\$1,500	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$7,500
Travel	\$15,000	\$500	\$2,000	\$1,667	\$2,500	\$833	\$2,500
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$7,000	\$200	\$800	\$667	\$1,000	\$333	\$1,000
Contractual	\$150,000	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$16,667	\$25,000	\$8,333	\$25,000
Other	\$15,000	\$500	\$2,000	\$1,667	\$2,500	\$833	\$2,500

Petroleum	\$200,000	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$16,667	\$25,000	\$8,333	\$15,000
Personnel	\$69,000	\$5,750	\$2,300	\$3,833	\$5,750	\$1,917	\$3,450
Fringe	\$44,000	\$3,750	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,750	\$1,250	\$2,250

Travel	\$15,000	\$1,250	\$500	\$833	\$1,250	\$417	\$750
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$7,000	\$500	\$200	\$333	\$500	\$167	\$300
Contractual	\$150,000	\$12,500	\$5,000	\$8,334	\$12,500	\$4,167	\$7,500
Other	\$15,000	\$1,250	\$500	\$833	\$1,250	\$417	\$750

#### IV.E.3.c. Measuring Environmental Results

As part of this project, APC plans to obtain ACRES training so that it may update and maintain records associated with this project. Additionally, APC anticipates utilizing the Brownfields Inventory Tool provided by KSU TAB to build its inventory of known and potential Brownfields sites in each targeted census tract that is an OZ. APC has identified the following objectives and performance measures for each task below:

#### Performance-Based Outputs and Outcomes

Task	Output Measurement (Compiled Quarterly)	Outcome (Compiled Annually)
Civic Engagement	# of Brownfield Team Meetings # of Public Meetings # of Neighborhood Coterie Meetings # of Public Informational Meetings # Public Announcements Printed/Aired # of Targeted Meetings Hosted	# of Attendees at Meetings # of Attendees at Meetings # of Attendees at Meetings # of Groups and Attendees # of Groups and Attendees # of Public Inquiries Received
Site Assessments	# of Phase 1 Assessments # of Phase 2 Assessments	# and Acres Property Assessed # and Acres Property Assessed
Reuse Planning	# of LaDEQ Clean Up Estimates # of Redevelopment Plans	Total \$ Amount Needed for Clean Up # of Properties with Redevelopment Plans Dollars Leveraged and/or Created # of Jobs Leveraged and/or Created Tax Impact of Redeveloped Properties
Site Inventory	# of potential Brownfields Sites in Inventory	# and acres of Potential Brownfields Sites Inventoried and Characterized through Site Inventories

#### IV.E.4 Programmatic Capability and Past Performance

##### IV.E.4.a.i. Organizational Structure

The APC is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and is like other Councils of Government (COGs) found throughout the US. APC staff have extensive experience managing and administering grants for state and federal agencies, including the USDA, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, and Louisiana Department Transportation and Development among many others. APC will follow both state and federal procurement law for any advertisement and solicitation of proposals for this project. APC has also an adopted internal procurement policy that aligns with both state and federal law and APC accounting and grant administration staff have undergone training in OMB policies and procedures.

The Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant Project Manager will be Chad LaComb. Mr. LaComb holds a Juris Doctorate and undergraduate degrees in anthropology and biology and graduate course work in statistics, geosciences, and environmental biology. He is a Project Specialist and worked the I-49 Connector Plan for six years with specialized expertise in both blighted and tax-adjudicated property. Both Michael Bernard and Phillip Breaux hold undergraduate degrees in Environmental Sciences. Both are GIS Specialists and have extensive GIS and mapping knowledge. Mike Hollier is an AICP certified planner with over 30 years of community-based planning experience and holds both undergraduate and graduate degrees in planning. Chris Cole is a certified professional engineers (PE) and holds an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering. Rachel Godeaux has a master's in public administration and extensive experience in budgeting and grant administration. Both Rachel Godeaux and Chad LaComb have completed EPA's QA/QC training.

APC Staff that will handle various aspects of the Brownfield Grant are listed in the table below with current title and experience. The APC Brownfield Assessment Grant Team is composed of planners, project managers, grants coordinators, GIS specialists and an engineer. In total, the team exhibits experience in various

components of environmental compliance, economic development, community development, grants administration, public outreach and participation, as well as comprehensive planning. APC and its Brownfields Team have the programmatic depth to provide continuity in its brownfield program. If needed, task assignments can be temporarily distributed until replacements can be made.

To coordinate project activities, APC will establish the Acadiana Rural Brownfields Initiative Steering Committee comprised of City officials, a representative from APC, a cross-section of community residents, and local business owners to lead the planning process. The focus of this steering committee will be to review a request for qualifications and select an appropriate consultant to prepare Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments. The steering committee will also be tasked with promoting community involvement and meetings.

#### **APC Brownfield Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Brownfield Grant Role and Expertise</b>
Rachel Godeaux	Director of Community Planning and Economic Development	Grant Management
Chad LaComb, JD	Economic Development Planner II	Project Manager, Technical Guidance
Michael Bernard	GIS Specialist	Mapping/Technical Guidance
Nicole Clavier	Accountant	Accounting and fiscal administration
Phillip Breaux	GIS Specialist	Mapping/Technical Guidance
Mike Hollier, AICP	Planner III	Community Outreach & Planning
Chris Cole, PE	Engineer II	Technical Guidance
Kade Jones, MA	Planner I	Community Outreach and Planning

APC will follow its adopted procurement policy as well as all relevant state and local laws to procure goods and services under this grant.

#### **IV.E.4.b. Past Performance and Accomplishments**

APC received an EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant for the Four Corners Neighborhood in Lafayette, LA. As part of this project to date, APC has completed 3 Phase I ESA's has 1 Phased II ESA and 1 Phase I ESA in progress, has completed a brownfield inventory for the target community and is working with a developer to redevelop the property that has been and is currently being assessed to develop a 40 unit affordable housing adaptive reuse of an industrial building into artist lofts with shared studio and gallery space. APC has maintained records of these activities in ACRES and has just completed year two under this grant. APC has obligated the remaining funds under this grant to completion of the current Phase I and II ESA's that are currently underway. Remaining funds will be used to facilitate reuse planning. The developer has committed to a \$15 million investment into this project.

APC leveraged this grant and received an EDA VISTA volunteer. This 40 hour a week commitment has been applied to this project to assist with community outreach and putting together an economic redevelopment plan for the targeted community. Additionally, APC has received technical assistance in community engagement from Groundworks USA in support of this grant.

In addition to the Community-Wide Assessment Grant for the Four Corners Community in Lafayette, the APC has been awarded a variety of transportation, USDA, EDA and DRA economic development planning and project grants. APC accepts, appropriates, and manages these grants through an internal process which ensures financial compliance. APC has successfully managed, performed and reported grant activities and outcomes without any adverse finding to date. As part of these grants APC staff routinely prepares monthly narrative reports to the granting agencies detailing progress on these projects.

## **Catalyzing Brownfield Redevelopment in Acadiana's Rural Opportunity Zones**

### **III.B. Threshold Criteria for Assessment Grants**

#### **III.B.1. Applicant Eligibility**

The Acadiana Planning Commission, Inc. (APC) satisfies the definition of local government as stated under 2 CFR 200.64 and functions as a Council of Governments (COG). It is an affiliate organization of the state of Louisiana and APC's member entities include Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, and Vermilion parishes. Affiliate organizations are created by one or more governmental units, organizations that are affiliates of governmental units, or public officials acting in their official capacity. The APC was created by an Act of the Louisiana Legislature. The APC was first created in 1973 by Executive Order No. 27 of Governor E. Edwards, formally established in 1977 by State Act 472, codified in La RS 33:140.61 et. seq., and incorporated as a non-profit corporation in the state of Louisiana under La RS 12:201 et. seq. The incorporators of the APC were the parish presidents, the highest elected official in each of the seven parishes covered by the APC who also serve as its board of commissioners. As such, APC qualifies under Section 3 A as council or group of general-purpose units of local government that was also created by the State Legislature. (See Appendix: APC Organizational Documents).

#### **III.B.2. Community Involvement**

APC will establish the Acadiana Brownfield Assessment Steering Committee comprised of elected officials that represent each of the Opportunity Zones targeted by this grant, the staff from the Acadiana Planning Commission, and a cross-section of neighborhood residents and business owners who reside or own property within these Opportunity Zones to lead the planning process. The focus of this steering committee will be to coordinate and manage community involvement. While the composition of the steering committee represents one approach to integrating the involvement of various stakeholders, APC also plans to use several other methodologies to reach out and engage the larger community and region. These efforts will include:

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c. APC will organize a series of Community Workshops in each Opportunity Zone which will be hosted by the Steering Committee. This workshop in each community will be the first of several community outreach events scheduled throughout the Brownfield Assessment process. The purpose of this workshop is to allow residents to provide input and visioning for the potential reuse of potential catalyst brownfields sites within the designated Opportunity Zones, identify previously unknown brownfields sites within the targeted community, and promote general education about brownfields. Follow-up meetings will update the public on the progress of projects in their community and present the results of assessments conducted as part of the project. Community meetings and workshops will follow the same public notice procedure as detailed in (a)

### **III.B.3. Expenditure of Assessment Grant Funds**

APC is a Current EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant recipient and can demonstrate that payment has been received from EPA (also known as drawn down) for at least 70% of each Assessment cooperative agreement we have with EPA by the closing date (November 1, 2019) APC is, therefore, eligible to apply for additional Assessment Grant funding under this year's competition. In order to demonstrate this, a copy of our financial record displaying the amount of cooperative agreement funds drawn down as reported from the Automated Standard Proposal for Payments (ASAP) system and herein attached.

### **III.C. Additional Threshold Criteria for Site-Specific Applications Only**

Not Applicable - Community Wide Assessment Application

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**Recipient : ARCADIANA PLANNING COMMISSION (2200284)**

**Federal Agency : ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENC (68128933)**

**Cash On Hand : Total :\$93,592.15**

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December 1, 2019

Monique Boulet  
Chief Executive Officer  
Acadiana Planning Commission  
101 Jefferson Street, Suite 201  
Lafayette, LA 70503

Dear Ms. Boulet,

On behalf of the St. Landry Economic Development Group, I write to fully express my support for the Acadiana Planning Commission's application to the EPA's Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant program for the *Catalyzing Brownfield Redevelopment in Acadiana's Rural Opportunity Zones* grant application. We understand that this application, if awarded, will assist in identifying and assessing brownfield sites within the Opelousas and Eunice Opportunity Zones. Redevelopment of these brownfield sites are key to the revitalization efforts in the downtowns of Both Opelousas and Eunice.

By addressing potential brownfield sites within our communities, the proposed scope of work is a critical next step to the development and advancement of Opportunity Zones in not only St. Landry Parish but also in each of the parishes served by APC. Though each town in the Acadiana region is unique in its complexities, a number of common threads exist that connect our communities, including a sluggish Oil and Gas economy, the presence of numerous potential brownfield sites, disinvestment, outmigration, and spatial inequality.

Our intent is not only to support these revitalization efforts, but to also partner with your organization by engaging local stakeholders in the brownfield redevelopment planning efforts proposed for each of the low to moderate income (LMI) areas designated as opportunity zones in St. Landry Parish.

The St. Landry Economic Development Group offers economic development resources to businesses looking to establish and grow in St. Landry Parish. We believe that the additional resources from the EPA Brownfield Assessment program will help to address disinvestment and promote economic equity and inclusivity throughout the region.

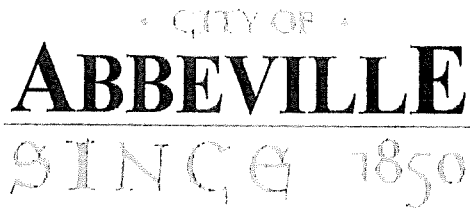
We appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,



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St. Landry Economic Development Group  
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MARK PIAZZA  
Mayor



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Monique Boulet  
Chief Executive Officer  
Acadiana Planning Commission  
101 Jefferson Street, Suite 201  
Lafayette, LA 70503

Dear Ms. Boulet,

On behalf of the City of Abbeville, I write to fully express my support for the Acadiana Planning Commission's application to the EPA's Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant program for the Catalyzing Brownfield Redevelopment in Acadiana's Rural Opportunity Zones grant application. We understand that this application, if awarded, will assist in identifying and assessing brownfield sites within the Abbeville Opportunity Zone. Redevelopment of these brownfield sites are key to the revitalization efforts in downtown Abbeville.

By addressing potential brownfield sites within our communities, the proposed scope of work is a critical next step to the development and advancement of Opportunity Zones in not only Vermilion Parish but also in each of the parishes served by APC. The census tract selected in Abbeville includes not only our historic downtown and Main Street but also one of the most impoverished parts of the city and parish. We recognize that, though each municipality in the Acadiana region is unique in its complexities, we share a number of common connections and challenges such as those that are presented by potential brownfield sites.

Our intent is to not only support this grant application, but to also partner with your organization by engaging local leaders in our community in the brownfield planning efforts proposed for our opportunity zone. We plan to leverage existing efforts including our Main Street program to attract investment in an area impacted by disinvestment, long-term poverty, pervasive blight, and outmigration.

Abbeville is a unique community with a rich culture and history. As such, we are convinced that the additional resources that help with brownfield assessments in our Opportunity Zone will further capitalize on these unique assets to address disinvestment and to promote equity and inclusivity in our community.

We appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mark Piazza  
City Hall  
101 N. State Street  
P.O. Box 1170  
Abbeville, LA 70511-1170



November 26, 2019

Monique Boulet  
Chief Executive Officer  
Acadiana Planning Commission  
101 Jefferson Street, Suite 201  
Lafayette, LA 70503

Dear Ms. Boulet,

On behalf of Vermillion Economic Development Alliance, I write to fully express my support for the Acadiana Planning Commission's application to the EPA's Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant program for the Catalyzing Brownfield Redevelopment in Acadiana's Rural Opportunity Zones grant application. We understand that this application, if awarded, will assist in identifying and assessing brownfield sites within the Abbeville Opportunity Zone. Redevelopment of these brownfield sites are key to the revitalization efforts in downtown Abbeville.

By addressing potential brownfield sites within our communities, the proposed scope of work is a critical next step to the development and advancement of Opportunity Zones in not only Vermillion Parish but also in each of the parishes served by APC. The census tract selected in Abbeville includes not only our historic downtown and Main Street but also one of the most impoverished parts of the city and parish. We recognize that, though each municipality in the Acadiana region is unique in its complexities, we share a number of common connections and challenges such as those that are presented by potential brownfield sites.

Our intent is to not only support this grant application, but to also partner with your organization by engaging local leaders in our community in the brownfield planning efforts proposed for our opportunity zone. We plan to leverage existing efforts including our Main Street program to attract investment in an area impacted by disinvestment, long-term poverty, pervasive blight, and outmigration.

Abbeville is a unique community with a rich culture and history. As such, we are convinced that the additional resources that help with brownfield assessments in our Opportunity Zone will further capitalize on these unique assets to address disinvestment and to promote equity and inclusivity in our community.

We appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Anne T. Falgout  
Executive Director



Monique Boulet  
Chief Executive Officer  
Acadiana Planning Commission  
101 Jefferson Street, Suite 201  
Lafayette, LA 70503

Dear Ms. Boulet,

On behalf of the St. Martin Economic Development, I write to fully express my support for the Acadiana Planning Commission's application to the Delta Regional Authority for the Planning for Acadiana's Opportunity Zones grant which will work towards inclusive growth and revitalization in areas of disinvestment within the Acadiana Region.

The proposed scope of work is a critical next step to the development and advancement of Opportunity Zones and core areas within St. Martin Parish and each of the parishes served by APC. Though each Opportunity Zone in the Acadiana region is unique in its complexities, a number of common threads exist that connect these areas, including languishing economic histories, disinvestment, and spatial inequities.

Our intent is not only to support these revitalization efforts, but to also partner with your organization by engaging local stakeholders in the Opportunity Zone planning efforts proposed for the low to moderate income (LMI) areas designated as an opportunity zone in St. Martin Parish.

St. Martin Economic Development offers economic development resources to businesses looking to establish and grow in St. Martin Parish and Breaux Bridge. We believe that the additional resources from the Delta Regional Authority will help to address disinvestment and promote economic equity and inclusivity throughout the region.

We appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Stelly  
Executive Director  
P.O. Box 316  
St. Martinville, LA 70582



November 27, 2019

Monique Boulet  
Chief Executive Officer  
Acadiana Planning Commission  
101 Jefferson Street, Suite 201  
Lafayette, LA 70503

Dear Ms. Boulet,

On behalf of Evangeline Parish Tourism & Chamber of Commerce, please accept this letter of support for the Acadiana Planning Commission's application to the EPA's Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant program for the *Catalyzing Brownfield Redevelopment in Acadiana's Rural Opportunity Zones* grant application. If we are awarded this grant it will assist in identifying and assessing brownfield sites within the Ville Platte's Opportunity Zones. Redevelopment of these brownfield sites are key to the revitalization efforts in downtown Ville Platte.

The proposed scope of work is a critical next step to the development and advancement of Opportunity Zones in not only Evangeline Parish but also in each of the parishes served by APC. The census tract selected in Ville Platte includes not only our downtown and Main Street but also one of the most impoverished parts of the city and parish. We recognize that, though each municipality in the Acadiana region is unique in its complexities, we share a number of common connections and challenges such as those that are presented by potential brownfield sites.

In support of this grant application we intend to partner with your organization by engaging the businesses and local leaders in our community in the brownfield planning efforts proposed for our opportunity zone. We plan to leverage existing efforts to attract investment in an area impacted by disinvestment, long-term poverty, pervasive blight, and outmigration.

We believe that the additional resources from the EPA Brownfield Program will further capitalize on the unique assets of Ville Platte, address disinvestment, and promote equity and inclusivity.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Renee Brown  
Evangeline Chamber of Commerce  
Evangeline Parish Tourism Commission  
306 West Main Street  
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101 Jefferson Street, Suite 201  
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Dear Ms. Boulet,

On behalf of the City of Breux Bridge, I write to fully express my support for the Acadiana Planning Commission's application to the EPA's Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant program for the *Catalyzing Brownfield Redevelopment in Acadiana's Rural Opportunity Zones* grant application. We understand that this application, if awarded, will assist in identifying and assessing brownfield sites within the Breux Bridge Opportunity Zone. Redevelopment of these brownfield sites are key to the revitalization efforts in downtown Breux Bridge.

By addressing potential brownfield sites within our communities, the proposed scope of work is a critical next step to the development and advancement of Opportunity Zones in not only Saint Martin Parish but also in each of the parishes served by APC. The census tract selected in Breux Bridge includes not only our historic downtown and Main Street but also one of the most impoverished parts of the city and parish. We recognize that, though each municipality in the Acadiana region is unique in its complexities, we share a number of common connections and challenges such as those that are presented by potential brownfield sites.

Our intent is to not only support this grant application, but to also partner with your organization by engaging local leaders in our community in the brownfield planning efforts proposed for our opportunity zone. We plan to leverage existing efforts including our downtown historic district to attract investment in an area impacted by brownfield sites, disinvestment, long-term poverty, pervasive blight, and outmigration.

Breux Bridge, designated by the Louisiana Legislature as the Crawfish Capital of the World, is a unique community with a rich culture and history. As such, we are convinced that the additional resources that help with brownfield assessments in our Opportunity Zone will further capitalize on these unique assets to address disinvestment and to promote equity and inclusivity in our community.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ricky Calais  
City of Breux Bridge  
314 East Bridge Street  
Breux Bridge, LA

JULIUS ALSANDOR  
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December 1, 2019

*Perfectly Seasoned.*

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Lafayette, LA 70503

Dear Ms. Boulet,

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By addressing potential brownfield sites within our communities, the proposed scope of work is a critical next step to the development and advancement of Opportunity Zones in not only Saint Landry Parish but also in each of the parishes served by APC. The census tracts selected in Opelousas includes not only our historic downtown and Main Street but also one of the most impoverished parts of the city and parish. We recognize that, though each municipality in the Acadiana region is unique in its complexities, we share a number of common connections and challenges such as those that are presented by potential brownfield sites.

Our intent is to not only support this grant application, but to also partner with your organization by engaging local leaders in our community in the brownfield planning efforts proposed for our opportunity zones. We plan to leverage existing efforts including our Main Street program and Downtown Development District to attract investment in an area impacted by brownfield sites, disinvestment, long-term poverty, pervasive blight, and outmigration.

Although one of the oldest communities in Louisiana, Opelousas is a place of progress where the community looks to the future. We believe that the additional resources from the EPA Brownfield Assessment Program will help us capitalize on our unique culture and history, address disinvestment, and promote equity and inclusivity.

We appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Mayor  
City of Opelousas  
105 North Main Street  
Opelousas, LA 70570

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*Jennifer Vidrine*

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Eric LaFleur  
*City Attorney*

December 1, 2019

Monique Boulet  
Chief Executive Officer  
Acadiana Planning Commission  
101 Jefferson Street, Suite 201  
Lafayette, LA 70503

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We believe that the additional resources from the EPA Brownfield Program will further capitalize on the unique assets of Ville Platte, address disinvestment, and promote equity and inclusivity.

**!! MOVING VILLE PLATTE FORWARD!!**

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We appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Vidrine*

Mayor Jennifer Vidrine  
City of Ville Platte  
126 East Main Street  
Ville Platte, Louisiana 70586

**Tom Schedler**  
**Secretary of State**

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Name	Type	City	Status
ACADIANA PLANNING COMMISSION, INC.	Non-Profit Corporation	LAFAYETTE	Active

#### Previous Names

**Business:** ACADIANA PLANNING COMMISSION, INC.

**Charter Number:** 41795553N

**Registration Date:** 2/23/2015

#### Domicile Address

101 JEFFERSON ST.  
LAFAYETTE, LA 70501

#### Mailing Address

C/O MONIQUE BOULET  
101 JEFFERSON ST.  
LAFAYETTE, LA 70501

#### Status

**Status:** Active

**Annual Report Status:** In Good Standing

**File Date:** 2/23/2015

**Last Report Filed:** 3/21/2016

**Type:** Non-Profit Corporation

#### Registered Agent(s)

<b>Agent:</b>	MONIQUE BOULET
<b>Address 1:</b>	101 JEFFERSON ST.
<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	LAFAYETTE, LA 70501
<b>Appointment Date:</b>	3/21/2016

#### Officer(s)

**Additional Officers:** No

<b>Officer:</b>	WILLIAM "BILL" FONTENOT
<b>Title:</b>	Director
<b>Address 1:</b>	131 WEST BELLEVUE STREET
<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	OPELOUSAS, LA 70570

<b>Officer:</b>	RYAN ARDOIN
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<b>Title:</b>	Director
<b>Address 1:</b>	1008 LASALLE STREET
<b>Address 2:</b>	SUITE 200
<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	VILLE PLATTE, LA 70586

<b>Officer:</b>	GUY CORMIER
<b>Title:</b>	Director
<b>Address 1:</b>	301 WEST PORT STREET
<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	SAINT MARTINVILLE, LA 70582

<b>Officer:</b>	DAVID SAVOY
<b>Title:</b>	Director
<b>Address 1:</b>	505 NORTHEAST COURT CIRCLE
<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	CROWLEY, LA 705276001

<b>Officer:</b>	JOEL ROBIDEAUX
<b>Title:</b>	Director
<b>Address 1:</b>	705 WEST UNIVERSITY AVE.
<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	LAFAYETTE, LA 70502

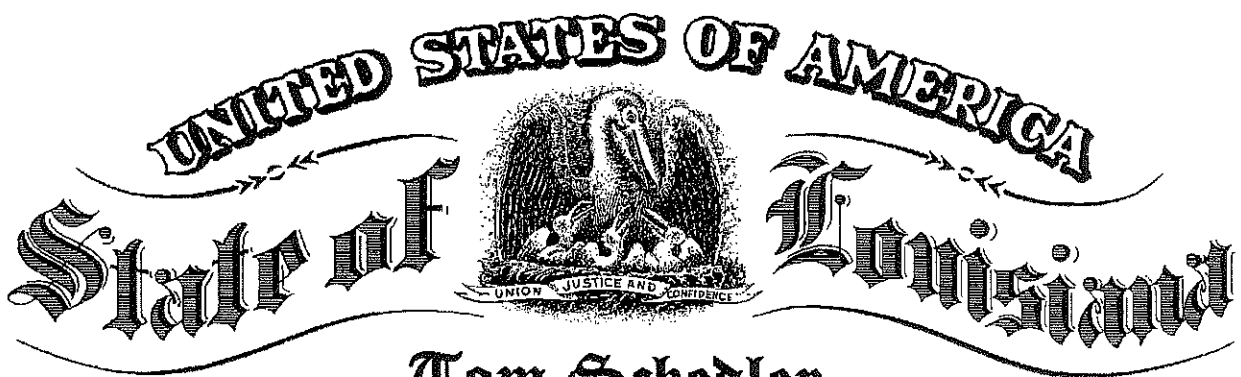
<b>Officer:</b>	M. LARRY RICHARD
<b>Title:</b>	Director
<b>Address 1:</b>	300 IBERIA STREET SUITE 400
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<b>Officer:</b>	RONALD DARBY
<b>Title:</b>	Director
<b>Address 1:</b>	100 N. STATE ST. SUITE 200
<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	ABBEVILLE, LA 70510

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**Tom Schedler**  
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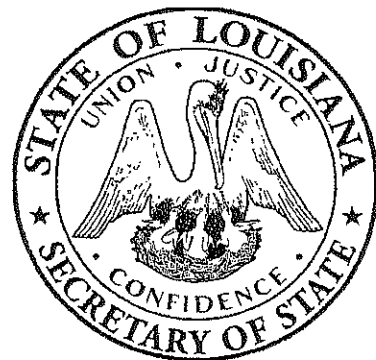
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are true and correct and are filed in the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office.  
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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my  
hand and caused the Seal of my Office to be  
affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on,  
February 23, 2015

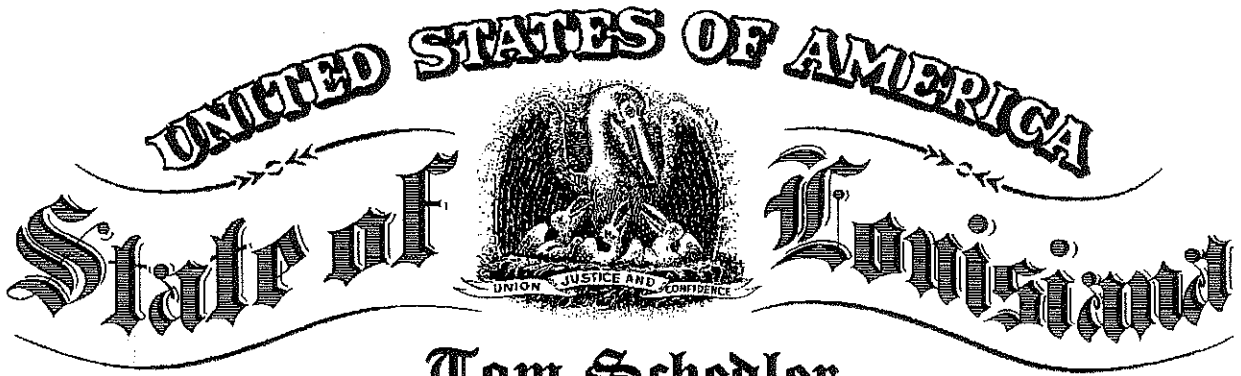
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**Tom Schedler**  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*As Secretary of State of the State of Louisiana I do hereby Certify that*

a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of

**ACADIANA PLANNING COMMISSION, INC.**

Domiciled at LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA,

Was filed and recorded in this Office on February 23, 2015,

And all fees having been paid as required by law, the corporation is authorized to transact business in this State, subject to the restrictions imposed by law, including the provisions of R.S. Title 12, Chapter 2.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on,

February 23, 2015

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
ACADIANA PLANNING COMMISSION, INC.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this non-profit corporation shall be the Acadiana Planning Commission, Inc., hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Commission";

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

This corporation is organized to engage in charitable, educational and analytical research purposes along with any lawful activities for which non-profit corporations may be formed as provided in the Louisiana Revised Statutes 12:201 et. seq.; provided, however, that such activities shall be consistent with the powers, duties, rights and liabilities as may be deemed necessary or proper to accomplish the purposes of a regional planning and development district and commission. This Commission is being established for the purpose of being designated by the U.S. Department of Commerce as an Economic Development District and as the implementing Commission for Louisiana District #4 in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:140.62.

In furtherance of these general purposes, the goals of this corporation may include:

- to advise, assist and perform Comprehensive Economic, Community and Land Use Planning and Development on behalf of the parishes, municipalities and communities (and their subdivisions and agencies);
- to serve and consult with parishes, municipalities and communities (and their subdivisions) in identifying and coordinating funding, planning and management of new or improved services, facilities and public infrastructure projects;
- to facilitate the interests of Police Juries, Parish Councils, Municipalities, non-profit organizations, and the general public by bringing them together for planning and development purposes on a regional, parish wide, or community basis;
- to work with other programs in the area, furnishing information, advice and consultation in said parishes and communities relative to economic/community development, comprehensive planning, and special projects;
- to undertake factual and objective studies on behalf of governmental entities in order to develop plans for the orderly expansion of services, facilities and public infrastructure as may be necessary in the region;

- to cooperate with federal, state and local governments (and their subdivisions and agencies) along with foundations and non-profit organizations with the objective of making maximum utilization of existing resources for research activities and for planning purposes and to perform any and all functions and services provided for or authorized by any local, state or federal law, rule or regulation required of or governing Planning and Development or Economic Development Districts;
- to establish planning principles and procedures related to problems and to suggest priorities of service based on generally accepted standards and the knowledge and experience of qualified specialists in their particular fields;
- to sponsor educational institutes, forums and panels on matters of professional and technical interest to related governmental entities;
- to assist in the development of programs and recruitment and training of qualified personnel in the field of Planning and Economic Development;
- to carry out the findings and recommendations which it might make by moral persuasion and influence, and the securing of voluntary cooperation of other interested parties;
- to become a focal point for leadership in the field of economic development planning and comprehensive planning in the district (region);
- to engage in a continuous process of economic development planning and comprehensive planning in order to define or redefine objectives and to establish priorities and to develop a system designed to assist in improving the parishes and communities within the District.
- to take the necessary measures and actions to help areas and localities of substantial and persistent unemployment and underemployment in planning their public works and economic development;
- to perform such economic planning and development activities considered essential and worthy to the welfare of the members of the District.
- to prepare and develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies Plan that prepares for long-range economic growth, which includes adequate land use and transportation planning and provides for processes and cooperation within the District;
- to formulate, develop and administer a program for planning and development in order to improve economic conditions in the District with respect to unemployment, underemployment and distressed economic conditions;
- to coordinate and/or assist in economic planning and development, upon request by the parishes, municipalities and/or communities (and their subdivisions and agencies) when in the best interest of the District;
- to carry out such research, planning and advisory functions as are necessary and helpful to the forgoing;
- to administer, upon request by the parishes, municipalities and communities (and their subdivisions and agencies) the implementation of federal and state programs;

-to implement and carry out the provisions and spirit of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, Public Law 8-136, and all subsequently enacted federal and state legislation related to these purposes;

-to do any and all other things related and incidental to economic development and comprehensive planning consistent with the purposes and the objectives set forth above;

### ARTICLE III

#### EXISTENCE

The Commission shall exist and continue and shall have and enjoy corporate existence and succession for a period of ninety-nine (99) years from and after the date of this act, during which time, it generally shall possess all the powers, rights, privileges, capacities, and immunities which non-profit corporations are authorized and may hereafter be authorized to possess under the Constitution and laws of this State, and particularly under Title 12, Sec 201, et. Seq. of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

### ARTICLE IV

#### DISSOLUTION

This corporation is a non-profit corporation organized by and for the benefit of the parishes and communities in the District and is operated exclusively for the purposes described in Article II. No part of the net earnings or receipts of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any donor or member or officer of the corporation, employee, or private individual. In the event of dissolution, the assets of the corporation shall be disposed of in such a way that they will continue to be used for the stated purposes of the Commission; provided further, that any successor organization that shall succeed the Commission shall be qualified for exemption under relevant sections of the Internal Revenue Code, or comparable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code as shall exist.

### ARTICLE V

#### DOMICILE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The domicile of the Commission shall be at 208 Gloria Switch Road, Lafayette, Louisiana and the initial Registered Agent for service of Process shall be Kevin Belanger, 208 Gloria Switch Road, Lafayette, Louisiana. When an Executive Director of the Commission is appointed, then he/she shall be named and serve as Registered Agent.

ARTICLE VI  
INCORPORATORS  
(and INITIAL DIRECTORS)

The names and addresses of the Incorporators and initial Directors are as follows:

Acadia-The Honorable <b>Julie Borill</b> , Acadia Police Jury President 505 Northeast Court Circle PO Box A Crowley, LA 70526	Evangeline-The Honorable Ryan Ardoin, Evangeline Police Jury President 1008 LaSalle St, Suite 200 Ville Platte, LA 70586
Iberia-The Honorable Errol “Romo” Romero, Iberia Parish President Courthouse Building 300 Iberia St, Suite 400 New Iberia, LA 70560-4543	Lafayette-The Honorable Joey Durel, Lafayette City-Parish President 705 West University Avenue PO Box 4017-C Lafayette, LA 70502
St Landry-The Honorable William “Bill” Fontenot St Landry Parish President 131 West Bellevue St. Opelousas, LA 70570	St Martin-The Honorable Guy Cormier St Martin Parish President PO Box 9 St Martinville, LA 70582
St Mary-The Honorable Paul Naquin, Jr. St Mary Parish President 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Courthouse Franklin, LA 70538	Vermilion-The Honorable Ronald Menard Vermilion Police Jury President 100 North State St., Suite 200 Abbeville, LA 70510

ARTICLE VII  
MEMBERSHIP

This corporation shall be organized without capital stock and membership shall be evidenced by certificates of membership offered initially to the parishes of: Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion. Certificates of membership shall be issued to representatives of member Parishes of the Commission. Issuance of Certificates of Membership shall be made to the Chief Elected Executive Officials of the Member Parishes upon proper evidence of the adoption and/or authorization by the governmental authority. This association shall begin business upon issuance of five (5) certificates.

Each member shall pay annual dues as prescribed by the Board of Commissioners for each fiscal year, or fraction thereof, for which it is a member of this corporation. Each member of this corporation shall be in good standing until dues are determined and then upon payment of such annual dues as set by the Board of Commissioners.

The representation of Member Parishes shall be determined in a manner prescribed in the By-Laws.

Unless otherwise provided in these Articles of Incorporation, each holder of a Certificate of Membership shall be entitled to one vote on questions or particular matters.

## ARTICLE VIII

### DEFINITIONS

When used in this document, the following terms shall mean:

- Commissioner: Those persons who have been duly appointed by a member to be its representatives on the Board of Commissioners.
- Board of Commissioners: All duly appointed representatives of member Parishes; provide that the term, when used in relation to any power or duty requiring collective action, means Board of Directors
- Officers: Certain members of the Board of Commissioners elected by that body at the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE IX

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The corporate powers and management of this corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of Commissioners.

The Board of Commissioners shall consist of the Commissioners appointed by the members according to the provisions of the corporate By-Laws. Except for Commissioners from Municipalities, the term of office shall be four (4) years, and shall be commensurate with the term of office of the Chief Elected Executive Official (Parish Presidents, Mayor/Presidents or Police Jury President) as the case may be, of the respective members. The annual meeting shall take place within ninety (90) days of the beginning of the fiscal year at the corporations registered office. The term of commissioners that represent municipalities shall be one year so that Members may rotate the participation of multiple municipalities within a given parish.

Unless otherwise provided in these Articles of Incorporation, duly appointed representatives of the Commission members whose dues have been paid for the current fiscal year shall be considered "seated voting members" and each shall be entitled to one (1) vote on matters of the Board of Commissioners. If dues are not assessed, then all duly appointed representatives of Commission members shall be entitled to vote. A majority of the voting members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be necessary for transaction of business or to decide any question or matter.

A quorum shall consist of fifty-one percent (51%) of the seated voting members. Members must be present in person or by Representation. Elected and Appointive Public Officials may designate a representative to attend and vote on their behalf. This designation must be in writing and reflect the meeting or meetings that the individual may serve in representation.

If a quorum is not present at a duly assembled meeting, a majority of those voting members present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but may not transact any business at such meeting until a quorum is secured.

Any vacancy occurring among the Commissioners of this corporation by death, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled through appointment by the appropriate member of this corporation. Failure of a member to appoint a representative annually shall not dissolve this corporation nor impair its corporate existence. A Commissioner shall serve until his successor is duly appointed and installed.

Special meetings of the Commissioners of this corporation may be called at such places and times as determined by the Board of Commissioners of the Management Committee.

Meetings of the Board of Commissioners may be held within or out of the State of Louisiana.

As provided in the By-Laws or by resolution of the Board of Commissioners, standing or other types of committees may be created and their respective membership, duties, duration, and functions prescribed for their operation.

## ARTICLE X

### OFFICERS

The officers of this corporation shall consist of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and Treasurer. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer are to be elected annually by the Board of Commissioners and shall serve for one year or until their successors are duly elected and installed.

The duties and responsibilities of the corporation's officers are as follows:

-Chairman: Shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall be charged with the responsibility of carrying out the purposes of this corporation within the guidelines set by the Board of Commissioners, and in the absence of the applicable guidelines, shall act at his/her discretion.

-Vice Chairman: Shall act for the Chairman in the absence of the Chairman or when designated to so act by the Chairman.

-Secretary: Shall be responsible for the maintenance of the record of proceedings of the Board of Commissioners and all other records of the corporation.

-Treasurer: Shall be responsible for and render, upon request by the Board of Commissioners or the Chairman, a summary report of his/her accounts relative to all financial, proprietary, or incidental matters of the corporation.

## ARTICLE XI

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

There shall be a Management Committee of the Board of Commissioners which shall be composed of the following:

-Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners;

-Executive Director of Corporation to serve as an ex-officio and non-voting member.

## ARTICLE XII

### AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Commissioners, provided that a quorum is present. Notice of all proposed amendments shall be mailed to each member of the Board of Commissioners at least eight (8) days prior to the meeting at which such amendments are to be considered for adoption.

THUS DONE AND PASSED in multiple parts by Incorporators before me, Cullen Curole, Notary on the dates noted by each incorporators signature, in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, after due reading the whole and effective when completely signed on the date of the last signature.

Executed in part in CROWLEY, LA (location) on 2-10-15 (date) by

WITNESSES:

Melinda Leger  
Frank Cudde

Julie Borill  
Julie Borill, Acadia Police Jury President

Executed in part in MAMOU, LA (location) on 2-10-15 (date) by

Patricia Douget  
Dorian Faudin

Ryan Ardoin  
Ryan Ardoin, Evangeline Police Jury President

Executed in part in NEW IBERIA (location) on 2-18-15 (date) by

Kelly Ball  
Sandra Bentley

Errol Romo Romero  
Errol "Romo" Romero, Iberia Parish President

Executed in part in LAFAYETTE (location) on 2/20/15 (date) by

Anne R. Perret  
ANNE R. PERRET  
Monique B. Boulet

Joey Durel  
Joey Durel, Lafayette City-Parish President

Executed in part in CACONCO, LA (location) on 2-18-15 (date) by

William Fontenot  
William Fontenot

William "Bill" Fontenot  
William "Bill" Fontenot, St Landry Parish President

Executed in part in NEW ORLEANS, LA (location) on 1-30-15 (date) by

Charlotte A. Randolph  
Monique B. Boulet

Guy Cormier  
Guy Cormier, St Martin Parish President

Executed in part in NEW ORLEANS, LA (location) on 1-30-15 (date) by

A. J. Cudde  
Dale Graham

Paul P. Naquin  
Paul Naquin, St Mary Parish President

Executed in part in NEW ORLEANS, LA (location) on 1-30-15 (date) by

Ronald Menard  
Cullen Curole

Ronald Menard  
Ronald Menard, Vermillion Police Jury President  
Cullen Curole  
Cullen Curole, NOTARY PUBLIC # 52587

BY-LAWS  
Of  
ACADIANA PLANNING COMMISSION, INC

ARTICLE I

NAME

1.1 The name of the corporation, as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation is the Acadiana Planning Commission, Inc. and is referred to within these by-laws as the "Commission" or the "District."

ARTICLE II

OBJECT AND PURPOSE

2.1 The object and purpose of this corporation are those set forth in the Articles of Incorporation

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The highest elected executive public official (Parish President, Mayor-President, or Police jury President) of each Parish shall serve as Member for their respective Parishes.

3.2 Member Parishes shall provide evidence of their authority to join and the corporation shall be formed with the documentation of at least five (5) parishes within Planning and Development District #4 of the State of Louisiana. Evidence shall be in the form of 1) a written acknowledgment from the Parish Attorney that prior ordinance/resolution allow for the parish's participation in this Planning and Development Commission and/or 2) an amended ordinance providing said authority.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

4.1 These eight (8) officials shall serve as the original Commissioners of the Board of Commissioners In preparation for designation by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and at a date to be determined by these Member/Commissioners, up to another twenty-four (24) Commissioners shall be appointed to comply with federal designation requirements. Each Parish shall appoint a mayor from within their boundaries to serve a rotating one year term. Each Parish shall also appoint two (2) additional commissioner(s) from either Post-Secondary Education Institutions, Executive Directors of Chambers of Commerce, the Private Sector, Workforce Development groups, labor groups or an additional Mayor from the Member's Parish. When according to jurisdictional protocols, the appointments by the Parish leader may take the form of a nomination that would then require the approval of the Parish Council or Police Juror.

4.2 Elected and Appointive Public Officials may designate a representative to attend and vote on their behalf. This designation must be in writing and reflect the meeting or meetings that the individual may serve in representation.

4.3 At all times after the decision to expand the number of commissioners from the original eight (8), a minimum of fifty one (51%) percent of commissioners shall be public officials, a minimum of thirty-five (35%) percent shall include Executive Directors from area Chambers of Commerce, representatives of institutions of post-secondary education, workforce development groups, labor groups, or members of the private sector (business community).

4.4 The Board of Commissioners shall meet at least once in every quarter of the year. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairman or by a majority of either the members of the Corporation or the commissioners.

4.5 Notice of all meetings of the Board of Commissioners shall be given at least eight (8) days prior thereto, by a written notice mailed, emailed or faxed to each Commissioner at either his/her residence or business address or delivered personally. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the US Mail appropriately addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. Any Commissioner may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a commissioner at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where a commissioner attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

#### ARTICLE V

##### FINANCE, BUDGETS, CONTRACTS AND FUNDS

5.1 The Board of Commissioners shall adopt an annual budget.

5.2 The Board of Commissioners may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation, in addition to the officers so authorized by these By-Laws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument on behalf of the corporation and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

5.3 All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issues in the name of the corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Commissioners. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Commissioners, such instruments shall be signed by an officer of the Commission and countersigned by the Executive Director.

5.4 All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Commissioners may select.

5.5 The Board of commissioners may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution, gift, or bequest for general purpose or for any special purpose of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

6.1 There shall be a Management Committee consisting of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Executive Director shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Management Committee. These officers shall serve a one year term with no limitation for successions.

6.2 The Chairman shall be the principle executive officer of the corporation and shall, in general, supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the corporation. He/She shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Commissioners. He/She may sign, with the Secretary, Treasurer, or any other proper officer of the corporation authorized by the Board of Commissioners, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board of Commissioners have authorized to be executed and in general he/she shall perform all duties incident to the office of Chairman and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Commissioners from time to time.

6.3 In the absence of the Chairman or in event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the Vice-Chair shall have all the powers of and be subject to the restrictions upon the Chairman. Any Vice-Chairman shall perform such other duties and from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the Chairman or by the Board of Commissioners.

6.4 If required by the Board of Commissioners, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Commissioners shall determine. He shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in depositories as shall be selected in accordance with provisions of these By-Laws; and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the Chairman or by the Board of Commissioners.

6.5 The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meeting of the members and of the Board of Commissioners in one or more books provided for that purpose, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by Law; be custodian of the corporate records; keep a register of the post office address of each member; and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the Chairman or by the Board of Commissioners.

6.6 The above stated officers constitute the Management Committee, whose responsibility it will be to carry out the administrative functions and policies of the Board of Commissioners.

6.7 The Management Committee shall prepare and submit to the Board of Commissioners an annual budget for its action and approval.

6.8 The Management Committee shall hire an Executive Director subject to approval of the Board of Commissioners.

6.9 The Management Committee may appoint an advisory committee to the Board of Commissioners, subject to Board approval, to assist in carrying out the purposes, functions, duties, and responsibilities of the Commission as outlined in the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation.

6.10 The Management Committee shall recommend to the Board of Commissioners the acceptance or rejection by the Commission of any gifts, contributions, and donations offered to the Commission.

6.11 The Management Committee shall take such other actions, make recommendations, and formulate policy on those matters which may be delegated to it by the Board of Commissioners which will effectuate the Purposes and Goals for which this Commission is created and as outlined in the Articles of Incorporation.

6.12 Between the meetings of the Board of Commissioners, the Management Committee shall have and execute all of the power and authority of the Board of Commissioners in the management of the corporation, provided, however, it shall not have the power to suspend, modify, or amend the Articles of Incorporation or these By-Laws.

6.13 The Management Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman and shall be responsible for the day to day operations of the corporation. The Management Committee may examine the recommendations of all other committees prior to their submission to the Board of Commissioners and forward its own recommendations thereon for the advice of the Board of Commissioners.

6.14 A quorum shall be present at any meeting for the Management Committee with the presence of a simple majority of the membership of that body.

6.15 All meetings of the Commission and/or its committees shall be conducted in a manner prescribed by Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### COMPENSATION

7.1 No member of the Board of Commissioners shall receive compensation from the Commission for attendance at any meeting pertaining to Commission business, and shall receive no additional salary or compensation for his/her services as a member of the corporation, other than reimbursement of actual expenses incurred, if funds are available.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8.1 Whenever a Commissioner or committee member has cause to believe that a matter to be voted upon would involve him in a conflict of interest, he/she shall announce the conflict of interest and shall abstain from both discussion and voting on such matter. If a Commissioner or committee members(s) has cause to question whether there, in fact, exists a conflict of interests, he/she shall announce such possible conflict and the question of whether an actual conflict exists shall be decided by a majority vote of the Commissioners or committee members present excluding the Commissioner or committee member announcing the possible conflict of interests and excluding any other Commissioners or committee members present who have already been disqualified from discussion or voting on the issue because of their own conflict of interests.

#### ARTICLE 9

##### AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

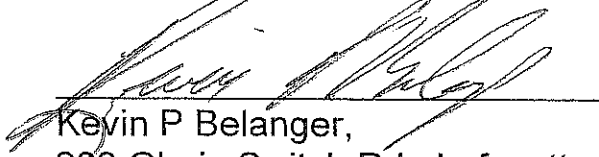
9.1 These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Commissioners, provided that a quorum is present. Notice of all proposed amendments shall be mailed to each member of the Board of Commissioners at least eight (8) days prior to the meeting at which such amendments are to be considered for adoption.

**ACADIANA PLANNING COMMISSION, INC.**

**AGENT'S AFFIDAVIT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF  
ACCEPTANCE**

I hereby acknowledge and accept the appointment of registered agent for and on behalf of the above named corporation.

Registered agents signature:

  
Kevin P Belanger,  
208 Gloria Switch Rd., Lafayette, LA 70507

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015.



Cullen Curolle, Notary #52587, Bar Roll #24064

House Bill No. 260.

## ACT No. 472

By: Mr. Tauzin.

## AN ACT

To amend Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 by adding thereto a new Subpart to be designated Subpart F thereof, comprised of Sections 140.61 and 140.62 thereof relative to state planning and development districts, to continue the boundaries of such districts fixed by Executive Order No. 27 of 1973; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Subpart F of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of Sections 140.61 and 140.62, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

SUBPART F. STATE PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

§140.61. Purpose

The legislature finds that problems of growth and development in urban and rural regions of the state so transcend the boundary lines of local government units that no single unit can plan for their solution without affecting other units in the region; that various multi-parish planning activities conducted under various laws of the United States are being conducted in an uncoordinated manner; that intergovernmental cooperation on a regional basis is an effective means of pooling the resources of local government to approach common problems; and that the assistance of the state is needed to make the most effective use of local, state, federal, and private programs in serving the citizens of such urban and rural regions.

It is the purpose of this Act to facilitate intergovernmental cooperation and to insure the orderly and harmonious coordination of state, federal, and local comprehensive planning and development programs for the solutions and resolution of economic, social, physical, and governmental problems of the state and its citizens by providing for the creation and recognition of regional planning and development commissions.

§140.62. Designation of regions

A. The development districts for the state designated and established by the governor in Executive Order No. 27 of 1973 are hereby continued as follows:

(1) District #1, composed of the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany.

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(2) District #2, composed of the parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, Tangipahoa, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana and St. Helena.

(3) District #3, composed of the parishes of Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist and Terrebonne.

(4) District #4, composed of the parishes of Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion.

(5) District #5, composed of the parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson Davis.

(6) District #6, composed of the parishes of Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon and Winn.

(7) District #7, composed of the parishes of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine and Webster.

(8) District #8, composed of the parishes of Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union and West Carroll.

(9) St. Tammany Parish shall be within the jurisdiction of district #1 for all functional programs with the exceptions of economic development for which purposes it will be a member of district #2 until such time as district #1 is recognized by the federal Economic Development Administration as a designated district; provided, however, this Subpart shall not apply to those planning districts created for law enforcement purposes in R.S. 15:1208.

B. No commission shall have authority to levy or collect taxes, to promulgate regulations which affect property rights, or to serve as an appeal or review panel in any system of land use planning.

Section 2. If any provision or item of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Act are hereby declared severable.

Approved by the Governor: July 13, 1977.

Published in the Official Journal of the State: August 8, 1977.

A true copy:

PAUL J. HARDY  
Secretary of State.

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## Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

\* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication  
☒ Application  
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

\* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New  
☐ Continuation  
☐ Revision

\* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

\* Other (Specify):

\* 3. Date Received:

12/03/2019

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

### 8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

\* a. Legal Name:

Acadiana Planning Commission, Inc.

\* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

\* c. Organizational DUNS:

0798804730000

### d. Address:

\* Street1:

101 Jefferson Street, Suite 201

Street2:

\* City:

Lafayette

County/Parish:

Lafayette

\* State:

LA: Louisiana

Province:

\* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

\* Zip / Postal Code:

70501-7007

### e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Division Name:

### f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Mr.

\* First Name:

Chad

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

LaComb

Suffix:

Title: Planner II / Economic Development Specialist

Organizational Affiliation:

Acadiana Planning Commission

\* Telephone Number:

337-806-9370

Fax Number:

\* Email:

clacomb@planacadiana.org

## Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

### \* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

E: Regional Organization

### Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

M: Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)

### Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

### \* Other (specify):

### \* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

### 11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

### CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

### \* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OLEM-OBLR-19-05

### \* Title:

FY20 GUIDELINES FOR BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANTS

### 13. Competition Identification Number:

### Title:

### 14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

1234-Map\_01\_APC\_Parishes\_Congress\_Districts

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### \* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Address the regional disinvestment of 13 threatened LMI census tracts throughout rural Acadiana's downtown and main streets, known as Opportunity Zones, and develop reuse plans for catalyst sites.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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View Attachments

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424****16. Congressional Districts Of:**\* a. Applicant \* b. Program/Project 

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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**17. Proposed Project:**\* a. Start Date: \* b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="300,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="300,000.00"/>

**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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**21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ \*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix:  \* First Name:

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

Suffix:

\* Title: \* Telephone Number:  Fax Number: \* Email: \* Signature of Authorized Representative:  \* Date Signed: